

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("____") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("~~_____~~"), as is applicable:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said first flexible tap apparatus member ~~of claim 1, further comprising:~~ comprises a tip terminating said upper shaft portion.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, ~~flexible tap apparatus member of claim 3,~~ wherein said first passage extends a portion of the length of the shaft.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said first flexible tap apparatus member ~~of claim 1, further comprising~~ comprises a handle arranged and configured to releasably receive said lower shaft portion.

7. – 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method of creating a passage in tissue comprising:
- providing a flexible tap apparatus system comprising:
 - a first flexible tap apparatus member, comprising:
 - a shaft having a first passage disposed axially therein, a lateral passage extending laterally from said first passage to an outer surface of said shaft, a flexible upper shaft portion, and a flexible lower shaft portion; said upper shaft portion comprising ridges and said lower shaft portion having a substantially smooth surface; and
 - a dye;
 - disposing a guide pin into the tissue;
 - engaging said first flexible tap apparatus member with said guide pin;
 - boring a passage in the tissue with said first flexible tap apparatus member;
 - communicating said dye to the tissue through said first passage and said lateral passage of said first flexible tap apparatus member;
 - removing said first flexible tap apparatus member from the tissue;
 - engaging said a second flexible tap apparatus member with said guide pin; and
 - boring into said passage in the tissue with said second flexible tap apparatus member.

13. – 15. (Canceled)